

SENATOR CLARK: Anything for Senator Syas is fine.

PRESIDENT: All right. All right then, we're bypassing 193 and 342 until this afternoon pending the arrival of others that are interested in the legislation, we'll move this to the head of general file. L.B. 148 it looks like is the first bill on general file.

CLERK: Legislative Bill 148. Introduced by Senator Stull of the 49th District. (read). There are committee amendments by Senator Warner's Education Committee.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move adoption of the committee amendment. The amendment--excuse me, was brought to the committee by Senator Stull; give just a brief explanation and then perhaps Senator Stull would want to expand upon it but I, it's my understanding that this--this statute effectively only deals with Boys Ranch out here--Alliance. The amendment is such that it insures that those students who, or boys who are at Boys Ranch will not come under non resident tuition to be paid by the County but are paid directly by the Ranch, but it would permit those students who are children of employees to be covered by non resident tuition. Now, I believe that is correct and again, this whole bill only deals as I understand it, with this Boys Ranch out by Alliance. Senator Stull may want to expand upon the amendment.

PRESIDENT: All right. Is there further discussion now of the committee amendments? Senator Stull?

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. Senator Warner explained the amendment alright and I would move that the amendment be adopted. Those people out at the Boys Ranch, the directors are, for the most part are businessmen in Alliance, I think there are a few ranchers and they never have or don't intend to unload burden of the education of these boys at the ranch on the community out there. If we can't get L.B. 43 passed why then, they'll have to devise other methods of financing for the wards of the State and the courts. Shall we go ahead and consider the amendment then I'll explain the bill.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion of the committee amendment? Question is, shall the committee amendments be adopted? All those in favor please say aye. Those opposed say no. It is so ordered. The committee amendments are adopted. Back to you then, Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: The need for this bill, it's just an amendment to a bill that was passed here in 1971, L.B. 726. Now to go back to when this Boys Ranch was first set up, the land of some 17,000 acres actually was in four school districts. There were about 15,000 acres that was in the Bridgeport City School District and Bridgeport actually is 47 miles from the Boys Ranch. The Boys Ranch was paying, I think, around \$8,000 tax into that district and was not getting any benefit whatsoever from that money and they asked me to introduce the bill to get all of their land in one school district and that was granted at that time. But we placed in there that they would be responsible not only for the education of the ones in grades 1-8, but we also put in for the high school. Now we find after we accomplish that, that this was the only class 1 district in the entire State of Nebraska that was responsible for the education of the high school students. If we adopt 148, it would actually put this school back in the same situation as other class 1 districts and make the non resident tuition available to the staff members, the children of the staff members there at the Boys Ranch. Now, there are 480 acres, the headquarters, that is tax exempt, but the rest of the ranch is taxed and they pay all of the county taxes, in Morrill County they